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progressiveness and opportunity and advantage that brought him here? Let's have an answer.

The Hon. Joseph Holt Gaines is doing fine work on the stump in this campaign for the whole Republican ticket. The demands for Gaines to speak are greater than his ability to visit all the places that want him before the seventh of next month, when the Grand Old Party will make its grand clean-up.

When the Democratic press begins to attack church organizations, or other organizations whose mission is to promote a common fellowship or brotherhood among men, it is readily seen that that press sees the handwriting on the wall. The Exponent is making such attacks and it sees the hand-writing alright.

The Clarksville Brotherhood worries the Exponent so much that it eagerly casts insinuations against it. That newspaper forgets that a very prominent candidate on the county Democratic ticket but recently served as president of the brotherhood. Does it mean to insinuate that birds of a feather flock together or that he caused the "downfall" of the brotherhood? An explanation certainly is due.

The many good local friends of Mrs. John Cornwell still express their indignation over the actions of the Exponent in bringing her name into an episode, with which she had nothing to do and in which her name was not mentioned or even thought of until the Exponent decided upon that ruse to prejudice the public. They think it high time that that sheet apologize.

Perhaps the Exponent will cool down, when it wakes up to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cornwell occupied different rooms upon their recent visit to the city, and that the Telegram did not utter a single word about Mrs. Cornwell. It seems that newspaper in its desperation to make votes has given Mrs. Cornwell some very unbecoming publicity and persists in doing so, notwithstanding the evident embarrassment it brings her.

While those 400,000 Brotherhood men are voting for Wilson, as the Democrats are claiming they will, suppose the other eighty per cent of railroad employees and the 800,000 owners of railroad stocks will forget it is election day and lose their votes? We don't think. But as a matter of fact the claim that the Democratic managers are making on the 400,000 isn't a very good one. The 400,000 are blaming Woodrow now for handing them a lemon.

Some foolish people are still contending that the Maine election was a Wilson triumph because more people voted the Democratic ticket than several years ago. They seem to forget that Maine has more Republicans than years back. They also labor under the error that the Republican party is not constantly growing. Again, it may be Woodrow Wilson will receive more votes than he did four years ago, but no one seriously believes he will, and still that will not elect him by a long shot. However, according to the way these foolish people reason it out, that will be a Wilson triumph, despite the overwhelming election of Hughes. But as long as that way of thinking keeps them out of the insane asylum, let them alone.

A Vote Winner.

The lithographed apothecary of President Wilson, now adorning our billboards, which reveals Mr. Wilson in a cloud of glory before the enraptured gaze of the American citizen, who exclaims, "He has protected me and mine," should be put to more effective use by the Democratic committee. Copies should be sent to all the relatives of those whom he protected on the Lusitania by the policy of "strict accountability," in Mexico by the policy of "watchful waiting."

Such a reminder of the way he protected them and theirs would surely win gratitude and votes.

Absurd assertions of a bright Democratic outlook appearing in the Exponent now remind the Telegram of a similar absurd assertion two years ago made by an "aspiring" young Democratic boss that he carried the vote of Harrison county in his vest pocket for his candidate for county clerk. When convention day came, his candidate soon found out that he "had run" only. The other fellows got almost all the votes in the convention. Get that? Even the "boss" played "as sure as the world goes round," etc., and there was a lot of other noise, just as there is now, that's all.

What Has Become of Extravagance? Where is county No. 12 in the indictment appended to the Democratic platform?

That count charged the Republicans of West Virginia with all manner of extravagance and with maintaining a useless herd of officeholders.

But we hear no more about Republican extravagance. If we hear anything at all it is about some sporadic instance where a sum of money has been paid for an alleged questionable purpose.

Why have the Democrats dropped the issue they were first prepared to take before the people as the supreme and overreaching campaign cry?

Because a Democratic Congress appropriated almost twice as much money as ever was appropriated by a Republican Congress.

Because a Democratic Congress acting upon a platform which denounced useless offices filled by Republicans, fired all Republicans and put Democrats in their places, and then created 55,000 new positions for other "deserving Democrats."

No wonder the extravagance issue has been abandoned in West Virginia.

Safe and Unsafe Rights.

Woodrow Wilson in his Saturday night speech undertook to persuade his hearers that, when Republican United States senators voted to urge Americans to stay off the sea, they were voting against American right to be on the sea.

The sea at the time was a veritable death trap. It had proved itself so. Notwithstanding that it was so, Mr. Wilson with all the American government and power at his command stood vacillatingly by failing to measure up to the situation. Through his miserable course in handling, or rather failing to handle, the situation, the safety rights of Americans on the sea had been converted into unsafe rights.

The Republican senators knew full well that these rights were unsafe and they knew just as well that the American government in the hands of the Democrats was accomplishing nothing toward removal of the death trap.

Then why would they not try to persuade Americans to stay off the sea? Certainly, the correct thing to do was to warn them and not do like Wilson and his boss-ridden members of Congress who by their actions virtually said to the American people: "We know the jaws of death await you, if you go out to sea; but we are afraid to tell you not to go."

Siamese Twins.

Fleming N. Alderson, a young and unknown lawyer from Nicholas county is appealing for votes in his campaign for Congress against the widely known and popular Republican candidate, Stuart F. Reed, with the plea that he is imperiously joined to Woodrow Wilson. No one doubts that were Fleming elected to Congress and Woodrow Wilson re-elected president, Fleming just as he has had many other Democratic congressmen hamstringed the last three years, especially those with old-time southern tendencies—tendencies that obtained before Abraham Lincoln took a hand.

But whether hamstringing or not, or what other thing may be resorted to in this inseparable joining of these two distinguished characters, namely, Fleming N. Alderson and Woodrow Wilson, Alderson should look to Maine and recall what that inseparably joined recently did. We all recall how a Democratic United States senator and a Democratic congressman made their campaign on "standing by Wilson." We all also remember their fate at the polls.

Alderson's friends ought to advise him to get unjoined as soon as possible. Many, however, say he is "joined to his idol," let him alone. On election day down will go the idol and Alderson will fall too, because he can not help it inseparably joined as they are.

They Look Invariably to the Past.

Have you noticed that Democratic editors and speakers, and particularly Mr. Cornwell, in his speeches, look invariably to the past? You notice that they avoid carefully any reference to the Republican platform or the Democratic platform. Also that they have nothing to say in criticism of Judge Robinson as a man or as a Republican. There is a reason for this.

They dare not attack the Republican platform, because they cannot safely or successfully do so. They dare not attack Judge Robinson for he is invulnerable both in his private character and his public record. They dare not refer to the Democratic platform, because it contains nothing but negation and petty criticism. Hence, the backward leaning of the Democratic editor and orator. It is left the necessity of picking out some minor incident which he distorts into an issue. By following this narrow and reckless method Mr. Cornwell has fallen into much embarrassment. His irreconcilable statements, his utter disregard for the precaution which ordinarily are observed by the public speaker, has revealed him not only to the Republicans of the state, but to his own party as a man who trifled with the truth, as a more demagogic office seeker, no better, no worse, with no more nor less to offer than has been the offering of Democratic gubernatorial candidates ever since the days of MacCorkle.

The New Freedom.

Mr. Hughes paid his respects to the "new freedom" at Louisville. He declared that "the country is sick of Mr. Wilson's 'new freedom' because while shouting for freedom he has submitted to government by hold-up."

"What has this 'new freedom' meant?" he asked. "It seems to have a surprising and deplorable range. It has meant freedom to sacrifice the principles of the merit system, which our opponents pledged themselves to enforce. It has meant freedom to embark the government in novel enterprises in competition with private business, as in the case of the government shipping bill. It has meant freedom to depart from the principles of international law to conduct a personal diplomacy to satisfy personal vindictiveness. It has meant freedom to wage war, not to protect American rights, but to dilodge a disliked ruler and to leave our citizens and their property to anarchy and revolution. It has meant freedom to depart from our time-honored policy of protecting American citizens who take American enterprise abroad, and substituting a new policy which treats them as adventurers whose flag is no longer a symbol of protection of their just rights. It has meant freedom to subvert the principles of government by yielding its authority to the demands of force, the use of the forms of free institutions to tyrannize over the people, to impose demands without inquiry as to their justice. In a word, the 'new freedom' in action has meant the new slavery; a terrorized government, government by hold-up."

Johnson's Faked Figures.

The Exponent recently carried a news story of a Democratic meeting held at Marshallville at which one of the chief spellbinders was Louis A. Johnson, candidate for the House of Delegates from this county. The Exponent's reporter of the Marshallville rally declared that the hearers of Mr. Johnson "would look their wonderment at the facts compiled from the state's books in Charleston," and it is not wonderful that the said "hearers" were struck with "wonderment" at the figures produced by Harrison county's would-be lawbreaker, for they were fairly and wonderfully made. Here is one of the questions propounded by Mr. Johnson to his Democratic hearers at Marshallville:

"Did you know that the state salary list in West Virginia now reached the enormous sum of \$1,801,197.32; that when Governor Hatfield came into power the list totalled only \$1,166,801.17, an increase of \$1,634,396.15? Have you seen any such progress in West Virginia that would merit such an enormous expenditure for salaries alone?"

Naturally none of the hearers knew or had seen anything of the sort, for the statements about the salary lists of the two periods compared in no way related to the actual facts. It was such a clumsy falsity the Marshallville voters must really have been astounded at the nerve of the statement.

The only place in "the state's books in Charleston" from which Mr.

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Johnson could have obtained his "state salary list" in on page 368 of the audit of the state's finances made by Chief Accountant Dover. The figures there given cover all salaries paid to elective and appointive officials, all the employees, clerks, stenographers, janitors, etc., in all the state departments at Charleston, the supreme court judges and all clerks and employees of the court, the circuit judges and officers and employees of the circuit courts all over the state, the heads of all state eleemosynary institutions and all the employees and attendants of those institutions, all of the staffs of the hospitals, asylums and homes, the professors and teachers and other employees in the university, the normal schools and all the state schools, the workers in such departments of statewide activity as the agricultural extension field, the health and sanitation service, the mine inspection bureau, public service commission, workmen's compensation—in short, every salary and service everywhere in the commonwealth paid out of state funds—and the total as given in the Dover audit is \$1,166,801.17. Where Mr. Johnson got his additional \$1,634,396.15 worth of salaries does not readily appear.

But the statement as to the size of the salary list extant at the inauguration of the Hatfield regime should have given Mr. Johnson's Marshallville audience even more cause for "wonderment" than his overestimate of the present list. Four years ago, according to the Johnson figures, the salary list "totalled only \$1,166,801.17." Yet the appropriations for three items in the salary lists of four years ago are as follows: State officials, \$26,675; supreme court judges, \$27,500; circuit judges, \$69,519; making a total of \$123,194, and covering only one class of salary expenditures as enumerated in the Dover audit, and evidently reckoned in the present total as given by the Marshallville statistician in his "wonderment" provoking expose of the financial operations of the Hatfield administration.

As a matter of fact the salary lists in many of the state's institutions have grown slightly with the growth of the institutions themselves. The total figures at the beginning and end of any four-year period would show a normal upward trend in the expenditures for salaries as must inevitably be the case, so long as West Virginia continues to grow. There is, however, only a very small increase in the present list over the list of 1912, and the Johnson figures are both false and ridiculous.

Another of Mr. Johnson's Marshallville mis-statements is as follows: "Listen to this: Hatfield now has power to appoint and has appointed 1,169 people to office. We didn't need this many three years ago by the sum of \$1,634,396.15 is this state service or machine building?"

If Governor Hatfield had demanded the immediate resignation of every person in the service of the state and each of its institutions and offices, including the appointees of all the elective officials, the clerks, stenographers and janitors, the employees of all the state courts, the professors, teachers and employees of the university, the normals and all state schools, the staffs and employees of all hospitals and homes, the heads and working forces of all state commissions and boards, he would not have been able to make 1,169 appointments to office. In all these capacities there are not that many people employed by the state, as any person may determine by counting

up the salaries of workers in the official blue book or in the official audit of the state's finances.

As a matter of fact, Governor Hatfield has made very few changes in the personnel of any of the state institutions or departments. He has made very few appointments. More than ninety-five per cent of the people

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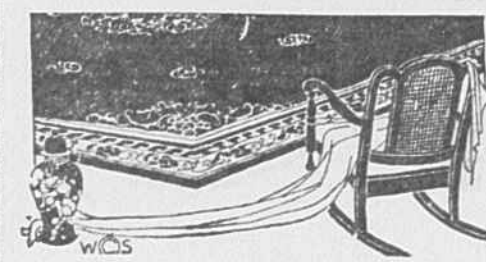
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ple holding appointive office or employment in the state government and its institutions have received their appointments from others than Governor Hatfield. This machine building accusation is a myth, and the figures used to back up the reckless statements of the spellbinders are utterly ridiculous. They are too far away from the truth to gain credence even with the most credulous and uninformed. They are not likely to have much influence with Republican voters in any part of the state, certainly not with the intelligent class of voters to be found here in Harrison county.

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